GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CHANDRESH PATEL KORDIA;GADDE RAMAMOHAN;HARIBHAU MAHALE;KAILASHO DEVI;M.V.V.S MURTHI;SAMUDRALA VENUGOPAL CHARY;SANAT KUMAR MANDAL;SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken up the issue of Cross Border Terrorism and Dawood Ibrahim with Pakistan President recently;

(b) if so, the response of the Pakistan President;

(c) whether the Government are satisfied with the response of Pakistan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the further steps likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYSAGAR RAO)

(a)to(d): Yes, Sir. During his discussions with the President of Pakistan, Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee raised the issue of Pakistan`s sponsorship of cross border terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and elsewhere in India. Prime Minister conveyed in clear terms that India had the resolve, strength and stamina to counter terrorism and violence until it was decisively crushed. During the delegation level talks Prime Minister also raised the issue of extradition of criminals who are guilty of heinous crimes including the Bombay Bomb blasts in 1993 and the hijacking of IC 814 and are currently living in Pakistan. During his call on the President of Pakistan, Home Minister Shri L.K. Advani raised the issue of cross border terrorism and the extradition of criminals such as Dawood Ibrahim, who have sought refuge in Pakistan.

Pakistan`s negative and hostile approach to India-Pakistan relations is well known. It continues to glorify the daily killing of innocent men, women and children by terrorists, in the name of `Jehad` or `freedom struggle`. Despite evidence to the contrary Pakistan leaders frequently deny the presence of criminals in Pakistan. Pakistan has always expressed the view that arrangements, such as an extradition treaty, would be diffricult as along as there was no `progress` on the issue of Jammu & Kashmir.

(e): Government are firmly resolved to take all necessary measures to preserve the security and territorial integrity of the country.